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SUBJ: CYPRUS - GOC REPRESENTATIONS RE CLANDESTINE TURKISH
HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, CYPRUS EMBASSY COUNSELOR ANGELIDES
CALLED ON DEP ASST SEC DAVIES 7/27 TO OUTLINE ACTIONS TAKEN
BY GOC TO RESOLVE ISSUE CREATED BY CLANDESTINE TURKISH
HELICOPTER FLIGHTS INTO CYPRUS AND TO ASK US SUPPORT FOR
EFFORTS TO HAVE GOT CEASE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

2. ANGELIDES SAID REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY GOC TO UNFICYP,
TURKISH EMBASSY IN NICOSIA, AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES. HE
GAVE DETAILS OF EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOC AND
UNFICYP COMMANDER WHICH CONTAINED, INTER ALIA, RECORD OF
ILLEGAL TURKISH LANDINGS, ASSERTION THAT HELICOPTERS HAVE
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CARRIED THOMPSON AND A-6 WEAPONS AS WELL AS MORTARS,

NOTIFICATION OF NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS TO SHOOT DOWN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT. IN RESPONSE TO FORCE COMMANDER'S REPLY, GOC ACKNOWLEDGED DANGER TO NEUTRAL AIRCRAFT, BUT SAID MEASURES INSTITUTED TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS.

3. OFFICIAL LETTER TO TURKISH EMBASSY IN NICOSIA SPOKE OF FLIGHTS, NOTED THEIR TIME, DIRECTION, AND LANDING SITES, WARNED OF "SERIOUS DANGERS AND CONSEQUENCES," AND SAID

GOC "TAKING MEASURES TO END UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES."

4. ANGELIDES INSTRUCTED TO TELL DAVIES INCIDENTS ARE VIEWED WITH CONCERN BY GOC; FLIGHTS ENDANGER PEACEFUL CLIMATE AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND THEY VIOLATE BOTH TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND INTERNATIONAL NORMS OF BEHAVIOR. GOC ANXIOUS THAT TALKS NOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION AND SEEKS USG INFLUENCE TO HAVE GOT PUT AN END TO ILLEGAL ACTS.

5. DAVIES RESPONDED CONSISTENT US POLICY TO OPPOSE ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF ARMS BY ANY PARTY. WE BELIEVE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS PRESENT BEST VEHICLE FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM, AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT INSTRUCTIONS TO SHOOT DOWN OR DESTROY ON GROUND ANY UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT. NOTED WE HOPE ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED QUICKLY AND GOC MEASURES RELAXED TO REDUCE DANGERS. DAVIES ASSURED ANGELIDES WE WILL FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO, AS WE HAVE DONE IN PAST.

6. ANGELIDES NOTED CLAIM OF STATUS AS INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN STATE PROHIBITS GOC CONTINUING TO IGNORE CLANDESTINE FLIGHTS. (ACCORDING GOC INFORMATION, THEY COMMENCED IN DECEMBER 1971.) SAID GOC TOLERATED SITUATION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

7. COMMENT: AS IN CASE OF CZECH ARMS AND M72 LAWS, WE BELIEVE UN SHOULD BE OUT IN FRONT IN EFFORTS TO CURTAIL FLIGHTS. ROLE OF USG SHOULD BE TO SUPPORT UNFICYP AND ENCOURAGE PARTIES TO CEASE DANGEROUS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FOOLHARDY ACTIVITIES. ROGERS

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